IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: *\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$* Welker et al.

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System

Group Art Unit: 3663

Breier, Krystine E. Examiner:

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(WGEC0108)

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 19, 2010, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 19, 2010, with a petition for a 3 month extension, please enter this amendment and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.114(c), Applicants' respectfully request consideration of the following amendment in conjunction with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination of the above identified application.

Applicants have submitted via the Office's EFS-Web filing system the fees for the Request for Continued Examination, the 3 month extension of time and the excess claims. Therefore, Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3882/WGEC0108, for any other fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.